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## **REGISTER YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY**

*~ When every second counts ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Governor Charlie Crist has proclaimed Oct. 3 - 9 as [Register Your Emergency Contact Information Week](#) in Florida. The Emergency Contact Information program allows Florida driver license and identification card holders to voluntarily register their emergency contacts. The information can then be accessed only by law enforcement officers to find designated contacts in the case of an emergency. The Department introduced the program four years ago, and has received national recognition for this government innovation that currently houses emergency contact information for more than 3.7 million Floridians.

“While the steady rise in ECI registrants is encouraging, it represents only a small portion of Florida’s driving population,” said DHSMV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. “Everyone with a Florida driver license or ID card should register their emergency contacts with us, either in an office or [online](#). This will help our law enforcement officers identify who to notify when every second counts.”

Christine Olson and her local lawmaker, State Rep. Bill Galvano, brought the idea for ECI to the Department after she lost her daughter, Tiffiany, in a tragic motorcycle crash in 2005. Ms. Olson advocated for a system to allow people to register their contacts, so that law enforcement officers could access emergency contacts quickly and others would not have to suffer as Christine did. Christine is now the president of [To Inform Families First](#), a non-profit organization that advocates for Emergency Contact Information registration.

Floridians can register the current telephone number and residential address of up to two emergency contacts into DHSMV’s secure database at no cost at a state or tax collector-operated driver license office or online at [www.flhsmv.gov/eci](http://www.flhsmv.gov/eci).

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).

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